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1. CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DEL PERU (CTP) SECY GEN JULIO CRUZADO MET PRIVATELY WITH NEW PERUVIAN MINISTER OF LABOR JOSE GARICA CALDERSON KOECHLEN JAN 5. CRUZADO DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS QUITE FRIENDLY AND SUCCESSFUL FROM CTP POINT OF VIEW. HOWEVER, WHEN CRUZADO INTRODUCRED THE SUBJECT OF INCREASING THE CTP'S LABOR EDUCATION CAPACITY BY AIFLD'S RETURN TO PERU, THE LABOR MINISTER IMMEDIATELY INSISTED THAT THE PROPER WAY TO DO THIS WAS VIA ORTI. GARCIA CALDERSON APPARENTLY ANTICIPATED THAT CRUZADO WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE AND THE MINISTER WAXED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN EXPANDED LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ORIT THROUGH ITS AFFILAIATE IN PERU, THE CTP. UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, THE LABOR MINISTER SAID, THE GOP WOULD FACILITATE THE PROGRAM'S FUNCTIONIONG FROM CTP HEADQUARTERS. IT SEEMS THAT THE MINISTER THOUGHT SOME FORMULA COULD BE DEVISED THAT WOULD PERMIT AIFLD TO WORK IN PERU AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OR ORIT.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE AWARE THAT AN ARRANGEMENT OF WORKING THROUGH
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ORIT ALREADY HAS BEEN REJECTED BY AIFLD. THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOT RPT NOT YET MET WITH MINISTER GARICA CALDERSON BUT EXPECTS TO SEE HIM SOON. HOWEVER, WHEN THE EETING DOES TAKE PLACE, THE LABOR MINISTER PROBABLY WILL RAISE THE ORIT PLAN AGAIN. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT SURE WHAT KIND OF AN ARRANGEMENT THE MINISTER HAD IN MIND OR HOW ADMAMANTLY HE WILL INSISIT THAT ORIT BE INVOLVED IN ANY AIFLD LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAM. APPARENTLY THE LABOR MINISTRY

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WOULD BE CONTENT WITH SOME CONNECTION SUCH AS A LETTER FROM ORIT TO THE GOP ASKING THAT ITS AFFILIATE, THE CTP, BE AIDED BY ANOTHER ORIT AFFILIATE, I.E., THE U.S. THROUGH ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE CTP LABOR PGORAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOP MIGHT BE ADVANCING THE ORIT FORMULA EITHER FROM PEREFERENCE OR AS A WAY TO PREVENT ANY ACTION.

3. THE AMBASSADOR WILL PRESENT THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN REF B, I.E., DIRECT AIFLD AID TO A PERUVIAN LABOR EDUCATION INSTITUTE INDEPENDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OR OBIT. NONETHELESS, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS FROM AIFLD AND AID/W REGARDING THE PRACTICALITY AND POSSIBILITY OF AN ORIT INVOLVMENET OR ENDORESE-MENT OA LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAM ESSENTIALLY SUBSIDIZED AND FINANCIALLY MANAGED BY AIFLD.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, WE THINK FRIEDMAN VISIT (WHCIH WE UNDERSTAND HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MID-JANUARY) SHOUL D BE POSTPONED AT LEAST ONE WEEK (FROM 15TH TO 22ND) IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF LABOR. WE CAN THEN INFORM WASHINGTON MORE CLEARLY OF THE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIEIS IN AIFLD'S RETURN.

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